

MASSACHUSETTS PLOUGHMAN.
SATURDAY MORNING, JULY 19, 1845.
William Buckminster, Editor.

VERY HOT WEATHER.

This is the warmest summer we have had for many years. It seems to equal that of 1811. In this city the thermometer in the shade has, on several days, indicated 102 deg. of heat. At N. York, Albany, and Philadelphia also the mercury rises to the same height, and many deaths have occurred, from heat alone, or from an insuperable load of cold drink; in this city, however, we have had no death.

Hot summers are not so favorable as cool ones for the English grain, but the winter wheat and rye were past the age of blasting before the excess heat of the season commenced. Whether the spring grains will be well filled as the winter we shall see. We may have good harvests from these also as we have had but very little of damp sultry weather to cause a blast.

Hot summers always give us an abundance of Indian corn, and we shall find this article pouring in here from the south and west in great abundance before the winters solstice.

On Thursday afternoon, we had a light shower, which served only to lay the dust, though the clouds looked watery enough to drench a mill pond. Some of the towns in this vicinity must have had a good supply.

We have heard of but very little damage from lightning considering the quantity of heat. Is the theory correct that the numerous railways in our vicinity serve to draw off and dissipate the electric fluid and thus render it harmless? If horizontal iron rails will scatter and render harmless the most powerful engine of destruction, it will accomplish what our professed lighting rods have failed to do. We have some faith that an abundance of railway iron, scattered in every direction, will have a tendency to diminish the frequency of electric shocks.

The dwelling house of Mr. Nathan Harrington was struck by lightning in Weston's, on Monday last. The electric fluid passed through the entire house, and came within a foot of some inmates. The house was set on fire in the attic and in the cellar, but the fire was soon extinguished and extinguished. The electric bolt struck on the roof near the chimney, and made its way through the garret, chamber, parlor, kitchen, cellar and pantry, escaping finally through an aqueduct log in the rear of the house.

MYSERIOUS. The Mr. Paine, of Oxford, who was supposed to have been robbed as stated in our last, was shot at again says the Transcript, on Thursday evening, about half past nine, while, in the room with his family in his house at North Oxford, the ball passing within three inches of his head and lodging in the sofa on which he was lying. He was soon felled to the earth, and, though he was run over by the horses, was not much injured. A large portion of the people are New Englanders, and they always give life and spirit to a place.

ROBERTY OF ADAMS & CO'S. EXPRESSES. A large amount of gold has been stolen at different times from Adams & Co's Express, and they were quite at a loss to account for the manner in which it had been abstracted.

On Saturday a \$100 bill was stolen, and the firm having had some suspicion that it was taken by the police, and vote for election.

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THE POETS CORNER.

THE HAPPY FARMER.

By Mrs. L. H. SIGOURNEY.
Say ye the farmer at his plough
As you were riding by,
Or wearied with his Monday toil,
When summer was near?
And thought you that his lot was hard?
And did you thank your God,
That you and yours, were not condemned?
Thus like a slave to plod!

Come see his harvest home,
When garden, field, and tree,
Conspire, with flowing stores to fill
His barn, and granary.

His healthful children gaily sport,
Amid the newsons hay,
Or proundly sit, with vigorous arm,
His task at beat they may.

The dog partakes his master's joy;
And guards the loaded wain,
The feathered people clasp their wings,
And lead their young ones train.

Perchance the hairy grandsons eye
The glowing scene surveys,
And breathes a blessing on his race,
Or guides their evening prays.

The Harvest-Giver is their friend,
The Maker of the soil,
And Earth, the mother, gives them bread
And cheer their patient toil.

Come, join them round their wintry hearth,
Their heart-felt pleasures see,
And you can better judge how blest
The farmer's life may be.

THE WAY TO GET MARRIED.

ADDRESSED TO THE LADIES.

Sweet girls, shall I tell you the way to get married?
"Oh yes, to be sure, sir," methinks you exclaim;

"Tis the way we confess, that our wishes are carried,

And why not, pray where is the wonder or blame?"

Lovely leaves, neither wonder nor blame need slight
you.

"Tis the right of your sex (one and all) to loveman!

Who was born to protect, not injure or slight you,

And therefore get married as soon as you can.

And yet still I'll tell you the way to allure him?

Then give up some whims, little fancies and aire;

Let your louts hark with care, if you hope to secure him;

And a spouse not too freely your wiles and your snares.

Thou'rt lips like two spell nests are fragrant with kisses,

Thou'rt lips can for trifles too frequently point,

Thou'rt eyes like two diamonds, sparkle with blinding brightness;

Those eyes (and you know it) can drown with blinding doubt.

Our tongues, pretty tongues! that can talk so endearing,

(Oh yes; and can sing too, whenever they please!)

Let me beg you to keep now, and then out of hearing;

And give up a little that penchant to tease!

Let smiles and good nature be ever around ye,

And not too often by flattery carried;

Show this, and prove man, so he can't live without ye!

And this, dear girls, is the way to get married.

LADIES' DEPARTMENT.

A TALE WITHOUT A MORAL.

Duty...A Tale.

TRANSLATED FROM THE FRENCH.

Displeasure was strongly marked on the habitually placid features of Monsieur Dornans. His wife was busily engaged in some household duty, but he never noticed her, nor made any of her usual inquiries or remarks concerning the events of the past day. Victoria, his daughter, and Louise, his wife, were both seated under a black lace veil by the light of a small lamp. Louise's eyes were often raised to the lamp, as if entreating it to give more light; Louise was less engrossed by her work; she seemed to be anxiously expecting some one, for whenever a step was heard on the stairs, she turned eagerly towards the door, and as the steps descended, on, stole an uneasy glance at her uncle's troubled countenance.

The sun was just rising at Lyons, in the Rue des Augustins. The clock of St. Louis's church struck nine. M. Dornans would up his watch, paced the room impatiently for some minutes, and then asked if supper was ready. On Madame Dornans observing that it would be served in a quarter of an hour, he replied, "Say rather that we must wait a quarter of an hour for Mr. Edward, who can be here at this hour."

"Promise me not to be angry with him!" said the mother imploringly, as she approached her husband.

"I shall promise nothing," he replied sternly, "why is he not at home?"

"You are too severe upon him, my dear; young men will naturally seek amusement. He has no time to go to town."

The steady piercing look of the father so disconcerted the poor mother, that she was forced to apply to Louise for the name of the piece, it was the Huguenots.

"And where does he find money to pursue these pleasures, who has gained nothing?" asked M. Dornans sternly. "Who has supplied him with money to go to the theatre? Doubtless he is with his cousin, from their little earnings."

"His pleasures are so few," urged the mother. "Are mine more numerous?"

The father's displeasure threw a gloom over the supper; it was eaten in silence, and all but M. Dornans retired sooner. Edward came in at eleven.

"I have been waiting for you, sir," said his father.

The young man endeavored to excuse himself.

"Your employers are dissatisfied with you: they have complained to me to-day of your negligence and incapacity."

"I have no taste for measuring cloth at day light," said Edward helplessly.

"Desirous is my intimate friend, and your mother's relative; he will promote you. As soon as you have proved yourself competent and trustworthy, he has promised to give you a situation worth from two to three thousand francs a year."

"I have an unconquerable dislike to trade—For the last twelve months I have been learning to manufacture cloth, and during the whole of that time have been a prey to sorrow and disgrace!"

"That is to say, you would rather be idle?"

"I should like to work at my own time and pleasure, to be at liberty to walk out when the weather invites me, and to be no longer a slave."

"For forty or six years," said the old man gravely, "I have reckoned figures before a dark window, into which the sun never shines, and I have never asked for a more agreeable occupation."

"You were perhaps fond of arithmetic, father?"

M. Dornans looked at his son with ill suppressed anger as he replied hurriedly, "I also loved pleasant walks and sunshine, but duty forbade the indulgence of those relaxations, and obeyed. It was not by enjoying the fresh air,

and lounging under the trees through the warm ocean, and seek inspiration in its grandeur and sublimity." Louise beat her head over her baby's face to conceal a tear.

When Edward returned, his wife requested to see his sketches and studies from nature. He had nothing to show; one day the fine weather, and another the rain had prevented him from painting.

"I have produced nothing apparent, it is true, said he in confession, "but I have done a great deal interiorly; my head and imagination are stored. We artists, even in our repose, are progressing towards fame; or all the aspiration of genius will vanish. Louise said nothing, but her eyes opened; and when her husband had spoken, she said, "The picture of the learned son, Absurd vanity! What is the use of your knowledge, if it cannot teach you to maintain your place in society? I am sixty-five years old, and for fifty-five of those I have labored solely to my own exertions for support. When about ten years of age, on returning from school one day, I found my mother weeping bitterly. She had made up a small parcel of some of her wearing apparel, and was going out to sell it. 'Do not sell it, mother,' I cried, 'tell me what I can do for our master.' 'Alas! my child, you are too young,' she said. 'I love you,' was her reply; and the following day I obtained employment, and gained more than any other boy of my age."

"But father, said Edward, somewhat ashamed, do not dislike work; I only ask a profession that I can like."

"And what would you to be?"

"An artist, father. I have painted in secret for a long time, and my employers were in favor of my going to the local exhibition. That is the path of life to which I am destined; I can apply to nothing else."

"You wish to be admired and spoken of," said M. Dornans severely; "and you mistake your foolish vanity for genius. You neither possess the perseverance nor the ardor requisite to make a good painter, and never, with my consent, shall you embrace that profession."

"These words would grieve the other. The father remained indifferently, and the young man continued to neglect his commercial duties for the indulgence of his favorite pursuit. This struggle between father and son threw a shade of sadness over the little household; but noise felt it so acutely as Louise, Edward's cousin. They had been brought together; and Madame Dornans in conversation with the young girl, had often mentioned the name of Edward, one of the most promising young men in the community, whose word was law. They stopped to examine the painting, and his wife approached to hear their opinions and judgment. "Only look," said the connoisseur, "at the skill and finish of this drapery figure. 'Englishman,'

"The dark eye of the boy, literally glowed with his gray and slaty eye brows, as he raised his arm in vehement gesticulation, that contrasted strangely with the repose of his draped figure. 'Manus in sight of the Capitol,'

"The hill of Zion is not a like to Calvary. The Christians do not honor Zion less.' I observed, because they also point to Calvary."

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"The law, per se, is that of the most bungling and complicated that was ever passed by our national legislature. It was evidently drawn by a person who had no clear idea of what he wanted, and afterwards it was altered and amended to meet the various prejudices of those who were in favor or opposed to its provisions."

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